

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing an image before printing of the image by a print provider, the method comprising:

defining a print processing system controller having a network communication link;
receiving at the print processing system controller a print request and a data file for the image via the network communication link, the print request identifying one of a specified application and a specified printing option including at least one of a print medium size and a print medium type for the image; and

determining an appropriate application for the image with the print processing system controller based, in part, on the image, including processing the print request and the data file for the image by the print processing system controller to ~~determine~~ detect an image characteristic including at least one of a print resolution, a bit depth, a size, a file size, and a quality of the image and ~~determine one of a specified application and a specified printing option including at least one of a print medium size and a print medium type~~ detect the one of the specified application and the specified printing option for the image, and including comparing the image characteristic and the one of the specified application and the specified printing option to determine the appropriate application for the image.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network communication link includes an Internet communication link.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
defining the network communication link between a customer and the print processing system controller, and wherein receiving the print request and the data file for the image includes receiving the print request and the data file for the image from the customer via the network communication link.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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defining the network communication link between a customer and the print processing system controller; and

reporting the appropriate application for the image to the customer via the network communication link.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

defining the network communication link between the print provider and the print processing system controller, and wherein receiving the print request and the data file for the image includes receiving the print request and the data file for the image from the print provider via the network communication link.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

defining the network communication link between the print processing system controller and at least one of a content provider offering a plurality of images and an application provider offering an application for the image, and wherein receiving the print request and the data file for the image includes receiving the print request and the data file for the image from the at least one of the content provider and the application provider via the network communication link.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the print request and the data file for the image includes receiving a request for a plurality of appropriate applications for the image.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the appropriate application for the image includes determining an appropriate print medium size for the image.

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11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the appropriate application for the image includes determining an appropriate quality for the image.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the print request and the data file for the image includes specifying at least one of a print medium size and a print medium type for the image, and wherein determining the appropriate application for the image further includes determining whether the at least one of the print medium size and the print medium type is appropriate for the image.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for processing an image before printing of the image by a print provider, the system comprising:

a print processing system controller adapted to receive a print request and a data file for the image, and process the print request and the data file to determine an appropriate application for the image based, in part, on the image,

wherein the print request ~~includes~~ identifies one of a specified application and a specified printing option including at least one of a print medium size and a print medium type for the image,

wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to ~~determine~~ detect an image characteristic including at least one of a print resolution, a bit depth, a size, a file size, and a quality of the image, and

wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to compare the image characteristic and the one of the specified application and the specified printing option to determine the appropriate application for the image.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the print processing system controller is configured to communicate via a network communication link, and wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to receive the print request and the data file for the image via the network communication link.

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16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the network communication link is an Internet communication link.
17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the network communication link is defined between a customer and the print processing system controller, and wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to receive the print request and the data file for the image from the customer via the network communication link.
18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the network communication link is defined between a customer and the print processing system controller, and wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to report the appropriate application for the image to the customer via the network communication link.
19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the network communication link is defined between the print provider and the print processing system controller, and wherein the print processing system controller is adapted to receive the print request and the data file for the image from the print provider via the network communication link.
20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the network communication link is defined between the print processing system controller and at least one of a content provider offering a plurality of images and an application provider offering an application for the image, and wherein the print processing controller is adapted to receive the print request and the data file for the image from the at least one of the content provider and the application provider via the network communication link.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the print request includes a request for a plurality of appropriate applications for the image.

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24. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the appropriate application for the image includes an appropriate print medium size for the image.

25. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the appropriate application for the image includes an appropriate quality for the image.

26. (Cancelled)